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The Circus Spektakulär is proud to present Jack McCabe: Fire-breather, knife-thrower, risk-taker.

My house burned down when I was just a boy, robbing me of both my parents.

Now I breathe fire, eat the poison that almost killed me.

Crowds come to see me night after night. Men for the spectacle, women for the thrill. I'm an oddity to be stared at and desired. With each flame I spit, I risk my life.

I wear scars on my body that will never go away, but the scars inside my head are far more difficult to overlook.

My brother doesn't know me, and if I have it my way he never will.

Life was going exactly the way I'd planned until Lille came along. She wanted to run away with the circus, have an adventure, but this world was never meant for her.

I try to keep her safe, because she doesn't know the dangers that are out here on the road. She doesn't know the monsters that lurk behind the bright lights of the ring. In truth, I could be considered one of them.

We were fashioned from different cloths, never intended to mix. So I watch her. I try not to touch, even when her eyes invite me.

Join us in the Spiegeltent and let us give you a show. Allow my Lille to draw a picture for you in paint and sweat and skin.

The truest love is always the hardest to let in.

This is a standalone romance that tells the story of Jack McCabe, Jay Fields' long lost, presumed dead brother. It is not necessary to have read Six of Hearts in order to enjoy Hearts of Fire.

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From Reader Review Hearts of Fire for online ebook

Jasmine says

4.5 STARS! ★★★★★?

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"You have never been invisible to me, flower. You're all I see."

There is nothing quite like it every time I pick up a LH Cosway book because she makes me feel like a little kid who just entered the candystore, dying in anticipation to have a taste of everything that it has to offer. With Hearts of Fire that strung me along, I definitely came out of the candystore as one damn happy kid and couldn't wait to come back for more! :D

It's no surprise that I've been highly anticipating this read as I was a huge fan of Six of Hearts and with Jay Fields who practically charmed my pants off, I just couldn't contain my excitement meeting his supposedly dead brother and witness a possible reunion for these two. What more with a circus setting that promises some dazzling moments, I was more than ready to meet **Jack McCabe**.

The story starts off with 21-year old **Lille Baker**, a talented artist who lives with her overbearing mother and a dreamer at heart seeking for the right opportunity to break away. That's when the travelling circus comes to town and a chance encounter gifted her an invite to join them, Lille was ready to be whisk away for an adventure that will open her eyes and heart to endless possibilities.

Although meeting Jack didn't have the same effect as I did when I first met Jay, I liked the brooding intensity that lingered within him. A glint of mysterious vibe but yet inviting that makes you want to get to know him even more. And once the fiery walls were taken down, we got a glimpse of the little boy who was robbed of his family love and the demons he'd been fighting.

At times I felt that Lille was a little too naive for her own good, always blindly allowing the goodness in her heart to prevail but again, the author writes her in such a way that doesn't make me want to completely slap her silly. I could understand her need to throw caution to the wind and just live free for once, to embrace the unexpected and to open up her heart even if it meant risking it.

The thing I love most about this author's reads is her characters which are simply imperfect in the best ways. Sure enough they don't always make the right decisions, some a little rash that had me yelling but I still adore them because I know they did it with the best intentions at heart. Put these two polar opposites together, I became an audience of an amazing spectacle because holy hotness, the intensity sizzles and later burst into an inferno of passion that could quite figuratively set hearts on fire.

Plus, throw in an amazing entourage that was quirky, lovable and a touch of villainous on the side, it all came about to an entertaining and such an endearing read. My personal favorite of course would be the cameo appearance of one charming illusionist and his companion that had me all giddy and excited! It was such a lovely twist to the read and coupled with the emotionally-fueled scene of the reunion at last, I admit I may have gotten a little teary-eyed.

I absolutely cannot wait to read the next one in this series as we got a little teaser at the end of whose story it'll be next and with this author, I know she will never disappoint me with what she puts onto the table next!

Hearts of Fire is a companion novel to the Six of Hearts series and can be read as a standalone. However, I will highly recommend to read Six of Hearts first to fully enjoy this series and most importantly, who doesn't want to meet Jay Fields?!

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Vrsha (PeekAtMyBookReview) says

Rating : 4 'A Love Story that just stepped out of Fantasy' Stars

My Views : AWESOME. This Lady is just AWESOME. She definitely doesn't disappoint with this one. First let me make this clear...Books about **Circus is a Major Turn On** for me. Therefore, even before reading this one I knew that I was going to love it because **Circus mixed with L.H.Cosways' writing can only bring Goodies.** I love how this one was different from the first book in the series and how we get totally different characters.

Style of writing : Amazing...I absolutely Love her writing. L.H.Cosway knows how to bring life to her characters and scenes. Moreover she amazed me with what she's doing with **Different ART Forms** in her books. Where in 'Six of Hearts' she dealt with Magic and Sewing, in this one she focused on Circus and Painting and each time she created **Vivid images and Dreams on those pages.** And my God the sex scenes were **Scorching Hot.**

"When I kiss you, it will be everywhere. When I kiss you, I won't stop there. If I taste you, I'll want to taste everything."

Characters : *"God, even with the burn scar, his back was perfect..."*

(My graphic of Jack's burnt back from the colorful pov of Lillie)

Okay so I couldn't help comparing Jay from the first book to Jake in this one. Where **Jay was Panties-Dropping, Jake here is Panties-Flying.** Jake has a darker touch and since we do not get his pov, his character is mysterious and has a dangerous air surrounding him. And my my don't we all love a little

mystery and danger. And my God that man likes **Dirty Talk** is even more Dirty in bed.

“You can lie on top of me if you like. Better yet, just sit on my face.”

Lilie is an adventurer who joined the circus in order to escape the prisoned life her mother has set up for her. I loved her spirit and her need to be free in this story. I connected more with Lilie because in some ways she's like me. She's someone who goes with her heart... If you like a heroine who is a bit crazy, funny and who lives life like there's no tomorrow, you'll love Lilie.

“Why do you call me flower?”

(...)

“Because when I touch you, you fucking bloom”

Favorite Part : The Union of Jay and Jack...That was so **beautifully written**. I felt like I wanted to dive into the pages and witness that scene myself.

What did not work? I loved this book immensely but the first one in the series 'Six of Heart' will always be my favorite.

Similar books? Resembled 'The Traveling Man' by Jane Harvey Berrick to some extent.

Recommended : Totally...But I would like to add that this book is a standalone and does not resemble the first book 'Six of Hearts' in any way. It's a totally different story, so do not expect that you're going to get the same feel as the first one ;)

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Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

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4,5 STARS

I was so excited to read this book because I just love Jay. Finding out that his brother is alive was so exciting

and I couldn't wait to finally meet him!!! When I read the synopsis, I knew it was going to be another amazing book. The fact that the story developed amongst a circus had me even more excited to jump in. L.H. Cosway is such a unique author and her stories are completely magical! This book was mysterious, suspenseful, adventurous, and sexy.

Lille is a girl who loves painting and she works in a restaurant and lives with her controlling mother. So what will she do when she has the opportunity to join the circus?? Of course she will go!! There, she will meet the mysterious Jack. Who is he? What is this mysterious gorgeous man hiding?

Finally Lille can live her life the way she has only dreamed of but it won't be easy. Lille wasn't the best heroine for me and sometimes she irritated me. However, her character did develop through the book and made me like her more as I read. Jack is as hot as Jay but in his own way!!! L.H. Cosway blew me away with his character, I loved him so much!! He is mysterious, sexy and protective.

"He reminded me of an ancient tribal warrior performing a victory dance, and it was sexy as shit."

I loved seeing their feelings growing chapter by chapter. He wasn't very open at the beginning and I found his mysterious ways very intriguing. Jack's life wasn't easy so I can understand why he didn't open to Lille from the start.

They were different characters but they managed to make an amazing couple! I can totally relate with them as I found their relationship very realistic! Things aren't easy for them as they have their ups and downs but together they manage to live with and worth through their problems and stay together. Their chemistry is off charts explosive. Their sex scenes were passionate, super hot and intense!!

"You smell like me. Do you know how much that drives me crazy? God, you're perfect, too perfect. You make me feel so wretched. I want to consume you, steal your light and make myself a little bit more. You're more Lille. I want to be more, too."

Besides our main couple, I really enjoyed the supporting characters at the circus. I was so happy to see again Matilda and Jay again because I really missed them!! The epilogue was simply fantastic you can feel all the love and happiness flow off the pages. I can't wait for the next book but I won't spill who it is but readers will be surprised. So, are you ready to join the Circus and meet Jack and Lille?

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Mo says

Loved the first part of this book. It started to wane a bit in the middle for me. But then somebody turned up and yep, I ended up liking it a lot. This author is Irish and what I love about her is that she will write as she

sees and feels it. She doesn't sugar coat stuff, doesn't try to "be" American or English.... she stays true to her roots and writes it as it is. Words like "arse", "swanky", "dodgy" - I get the words. Hope everyone else does too. She leaves the "u" in "colorful" - you see, already Goodreads tries to auto fucking correct me. Fuck off Goodreads.... COLOURFUL! Good, you get it now!

Back in 1987 I did the whole "Europe" thing. Bought my ticket and went to Wexford. Hopped on a ferry in Rosslare and sailed to Cherbourg, saw Caen, Orleans, Paris, Brussels, Munich, Innsbruck, Milan, Cannes, Nice, Paris again God, the innocence of it all. Stayed in crappy Youth Hostels. Was with my sister. Came back to Ireland with a tan ... I was so glamorous in my small village. A month later I met my future husband. I was 21 at the time.

I got mostly Cs, a D and a couple of Bs

The bloody Leaving Certificate. God, the bane of my existence.

Jack McCabe, fire-eater extraordinaire ...

"Well, you're no Gandy."

And Thank Fuck for that.

Having lived on an island my entire life, it was amazing to think how we could be on the same land, yet move into a whole other country. One moment you're in France, the next you're in Italy.

So true. I am just back from Prague. I lived in Ireland for 21 years before emigrating and I never left the country in those 21 years. Well, just that one European trip that whetted my appetite for travel. SINCE I left Ireland I have visited at least 25 countries and more than 200 cities. Yikes.

Overall, a lovely read. I see that King will have his own story. OMG, he is fecking OLD. At least 40 (says she who turns 50 this year) - cannot wait to read about him.

I'm standing in the flames

**And it's a beautiful kind of pain
Setting fire to yesterday
Find a light, find a light, find a light
Standing in the flames
And it's a beautiful kind of pain
Setting fire to yesterday
Find a light, find a light, find a light**

This is a very talented author. Her collaboration with Penny Reid was fantastic. Not sure what age she is but if she is this good, this young, she will surely improve in her art.

Patrycja says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

♥Sharon♥ says

One thing I love about L.H. Cosway's writing is that her characters are always so intriguing and inviting. And while you know that you are about to read a romantic story, there is a certain level of ingenuity that sets it apart from the others. So far I have **LOVED** every one of her books I have read and **HEARTS OF FIRE** was no different. It was beautifully written in a way that Jack McCabe and Lille Baker stole my heart individually and together.

Hearts of Fire is Jack and Lille's story and is set within the traveling carnival. Both of them have a story of their own. One more painful than the other but both needing validation of themselves whether they realized it or not.

Jack McCabe ~ He was intense. He was sexy. He was scared. Jack has constructed his life in such a way that he would always be alone. His life had been full of pain both physically and emotionally and he swore he would never allow anyone to hurt him again. Jack didn't go looking for Lille Baker. She found him. He didn't want her to see him. But she saw him anyways.

"When I kiss you, it will be everywhere. When I kiss you, I won't stop there. If I taste you, I'll want to taste everything." ~ Jack

Lille Baker ~ She was a dreamer. She wants to live a colorful life. Her desire is to be an artist, to paint the things she sees and what she feels. She needed freedom from the life that was suffocating her. Lille wanted

to be seen. She was blinded by the beauty she found in Jack McCabe. Someone who was about to give her life some light. So when given the chance to join the circus she took it and never looked back.

“All I could hear was him. All I could smell was him. All I could taste was him. All I could feel was him. All I could see was him.” ~ Lille

Being part of the circus was Jack’s life. One that he fit into without having to deal with anything more than he chose to. He didn’t let anyone into his world where his desires were something he controlled. With Lille things were changing. There was a level of intensity when it came to Jack’s desires, the way he wanted to mark Lille as his. When Lille gifted Jack her body **HOLY SHIT**, it was HOT!!!

When Lille made the decision that she was leaving home it was to live her life like she had dreamed to. She knew it wasn’t going to be easy being part of the circus but it was a chance she was willing to take. As she made new friends and started to find her place, she also found herself drawn to “Mr. Tall, Dark and Exotic.” She knew Jack would be a risk and a dangerous one at that but he was someone that made her feel things in ways she had never before. He was the color her life needed.

I loved Jack and Lille’s journey. Both were crossing into territories they were not familiar with, dealing with feelings that were new. Their relationship was as real as Jack could allow it to be. Jack still needed healing and Lille was willing to risk what they had to give Jack back a part of his life that would make him whole again. She needed to give him Jay.

Hearts of Fire was truly a great book. Not only is this Jack and Lille’s story but a piece of it is about Jay and Jack reuniting. By the time the story reaches this point I was already fully invested in Jack and Lille and this painfully beautiful reunion just made their story even better. I enjoyed all the side characters; Marina, Lola, Violet, Winnie and Antonio. I didn’t like Julie. They all made the story just a little bit richer. And King. Wait until you meet him. I loved him. We are going to get his story soon. I cannot wait!!

I’m going to end my review by saying I loved the last chapter and Epilogue. Jack melted my heart.... *“I can’t paint or create much of anything, and really, I’ll never be a writer, but I love words, love learning all the ones I missed out on in the past. So I used my words to write you a story.”* And to that.... I loved reading “The Story of Jack and Lille” that was so damn sweet.

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Emily May says

It's amazing how your opinion of a book can do a complete U-turn by the time it's over. For the first third of *Hearts of Fire*, I honestly thought I would be writing a positive review. The writing was a little shaky in parts and I think there were a bunch of missed opportunities with regard to the description/atmosphere of the circus, but it was fun, the characters were interesting and it seemed very *different*.

Back when I was enjoying this book, I thought I would start my review with this quote:

“And then he was walking out onto the stage, two long metal torches in his hands, the tips blazing with fire. My skin prickled with awareness, and somehow I just knew I was in for something truly amazing.”

Ooh la la, right? If someone had told me at this point just how bad this book was going to get, I may not have believed them. In this NA romance craze, so many books look alike that I find myself doing a double take whenever I discover a book doing something different, in a different setting, with different kinds of characters. This book had that.

Instead of being set in the United States, this book starts in Ireland. When Lille runs away with the circus - looking for adventure, independence and an escape from her overbearing mother - she sets off on a trip to France, making new friends and enemies along the way. Like I said before, I think more could have been done with the atmosphere in the book. I can't help myself imagining how much better and more evocative the circus setting would have been if this book was written by someone like Leah Raeder.

Oh well, I still liked the idea behind it. And what I also really liked was the way the relationship between Lille and Jack was developed. The author builds up their trust for one another through banter and then friendship. It was so rare to see a relationship handled this way and I found myself caring for both characters even more because of it.

And then it all went wrong.

Oh dear, where to start. Okay, so first Lille loses all sense of self and finds herself needing Jack to validate her. I actually can't believe this scene takes place:

*“You’re a great artist, Lille,” he said.
What he said had been so simple, and yet it felt like just a few words from him, telling me that I didn’t actually suck, had legitimised me. For the first time in my life, I felt real.*

Then we get yet another of those scenes where a guy attempts to rape the MC and the love interest turns up to save her. Why is this used in every single NA romance? I swear, it's in almost every single one. Why is rape being used to prove what a big, strong, sexy guy Jack is?

Then there's the crazy, slutty ex who literally threatens to hurt Lille if she doesn't stay away from Jack. Okay, firstly, why does every single NA male have an ex who is an evil nutjob? Are we supposed to compare them to the goodness that is our female MC? And secondly, I find it so strange how all these guys basically cheat

on or dump their ex immediately when this new girl comes along, but this is legitimised in the book by said ex being a violent hellbitch.

And then there's the fact that Jack turns into a violent, mentally abusive ass after they start sleeping together. He seemed a little angry before, but afterwards his behaviour was terrible. He is angry and violent (towards objects and other people, not Lille), he treats her like a disobedient child and orders her not to go out walking by herself. When she does, he's all like:

He grinds against another woman while she is watching because he wants to upset her. He says things like this:

“Flower,” he said quietly. The term of endearment didn’t sound the way it usually did. In fact, it sounded a little threatening. “If you lie to me one more time, you won’t like what happens next.”

This is classic, controlling mental abuse! Before, I wanted them to get together. After, I just wanted her to get as far away as possible.

Oh, and he gets off on hurting women sexually because he was abused by his foster mother. Sounds familiar. *cough*Fifty Shades of Grey*cough*

Though Mr Grey was all about the tie-up and spank stuff. Jack's kink?

“The problem is that it makes me want to pour wax over your skin, press hot matches to your thighs. It makes want to leave marks all over your body until no man can refute that you’re mine.”

Oh god. Kill it dead.

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Rachel Reads Ravenously says

4 Flower stars

***“You wanted me?” I said quietly.
“All the time.”
“I never saw. I thought I was the one who watched you.”
“You were. That’s why I started watching back.”***

Hearts of Fire is the second book in the Hearts series by LH Cosway and is about Jack, the younger brother of Jay from the first book. If you’ve read the first book, you know Jay believes Jack died in a fire, but outside forces have kept them apart. Now that Jack has grown up he works for the circus as a fire breather. Lille lives in a small Irish town, oppressed by her mother and yearns for something more. When she’s offered a job to work for the circus leaving town the next day, she decides to go with them.

The circus isn't what she expected, it's full of wonderful people and terrible ones. Many make it clear they don't want Lille there, including Jack. But despite this, Lille feels really happy working for the circus, she feels free.

“Why do you call me flower?”
“Because when I touch you, you fucking bloom.”

LH Cosway is one of those authors I've always been meaning to get around to. I read her book *Six of Hearts* and enjoyed, as well as her co-written novel with Penny Reid and liked that one too. So why I waited so long to pick up another one of her books, I have no idea. From beginning to end I couldn't put this book down. Both Jack and Lille were such enthralling characters and I couldn't get enough of either one of them.

I'm not normally one for suspense but I did like the mystery element added into this plot. It was just enough where it enhanced the plot without overshadowing it or being a footnote. Jack himself could be a dick at times but ultimately I found he was a wonderful hero. Lille was pretty awesome too. She followed her heart even if it made her feel foolish at times.

I will definitely be reading the rest of this series!

“You're the love of my life, and I need you so much I can't breathe without it.”

◆*Arianna◆* says

4 Stars!!

What a wonderful read this turned out to be! I don't know why I waited so long to read this story. It was magical, refreshing and everything I expected from this author. *“Hearts of Fire”* had my attention from the start. This author with her fantastic storytelling created something unique, a perfect blend of romance and humor, a tale with an enchanting setting, a tale about a man and a woman who find themselves and also find each other, find love.

“The danger was what I wanted. Adventure was something I craved.”

The story starts off with Lille Baker, a 21 years old girl who loves art. She's an artist herself. However at her mother's behest she's studying for a degree in business. She lives only with her mother who's an awful woman, controlling every aspect of her life. Being an artist, Lille wants to live her life in colors, she wants to be adventurous, to experiment everything, to make mistakes, to live life to the fullest.

“I wanted to live through every high and low, because otherwise I wouldn’t be living.”

Lille gets the chance to escape not only from her mother, but also from a life she doesn’t want to live when someone proposes to her to join a travelling circus, ‘The Circus Spektakulär’. She knows what she wants - freedom, so she packs and runs away.

Jack McCabe is Jay Fields’s (the male main character from the previous installment in the series, “*Six of Hearts*”) supposedly dead brother. He’s part of the Circus, working as a fire-breather and knife-thrower. His past left him a little damaged. He build high walls around himself, he doesn’t trust easy and he’s not very accepting.

“In the stories I read, the bad people get what’s coming to them. In the real world, that’s not always the case.”

Lille is drawn to Jack from the moment she lays eyes on him. He seems dark, dangerous, intriguing and Lille would want for something to happen between them. She thinks he will never notice her, so she want at least to be his friend, to know everything about him, to be for him someone he can trust since he’s so unworthy.

“I didn’t see him as a damaged little boy, I saw him as a unique, wonderful, yet very breakable grown man.”

As the story progresses these two get close, they become friends, but they also become something more. While Jack knows he should stay away from Lille, he finds himself drawn to her like a moth to a flame. He simply can’t stay away! They are too good together, they complemented each other in every way, so why should they stay away from each other?!

This story was fantastically written and we all can agree how talented storyteller this author is. I simply loved this aspect of the story. I have to admit it didn’t wowed me like the previous book in the series, but I really enjoyed it. It was a great solid read, heartwarming, captivating at times and of course full of magic and adventure.

Jack was a wonderful written character. I immediately fell in love with him. He was mysterious, intense and from the start, just like Lille I just wanted to know his story. I loved his personality and in some way I loved him more than Jay (his big brother from book1). I knew he had something very appealing to me from the first chapters. The fact that he was portrayed as a tormented character was just a bonus to me since I love these kind of heroes. Tormented or not, Jack was not a weak character. He’s strong, imposing, charming and had a dark aura I was drawn to from the start. But he’s also sweet, caring, protective and not only with Lille, but with other characters as well.

“Make mistakes, Lille. Walk on the cracks. Break the rules that were made to be broken.”

I liked Lille as well. She's not exactly my favorite type of heroine, but I have to say that I admired her courage. Her character development was stellar IMO. She knew what she wanted and took some risks joining the Circus and I really admired this about her. At the beginning she was portrayed as a naïve, innocent girl, but I wasn't bothered by this fact. She was sweet, caring and I loved the way she looked at the world. I also loved her empathy and how she learnt to stand up for herself. Jack and Lille's connection was really great done and their chemistry was off the charts. The sexual tension, the sexual innuendos..uhh..I loved them all. It goes without saying their sexy times were full of passion.

All in all, *“Hearts of Fire”* was a fantastically executed read, magical, captivating with two endearing characters that will make you smile, swoon and fall in love with.

“You have never been invisible to me, flower. You're all I see.”

Amy | Foxy Blogs says

I thought **Hearts of Fire** would be good **BUT it was on fire!!** A great combo of romance, steaminess and storyline.

I first heard about Jack in Six of Hearts as the presumed dead brother. To learn that he wasn't dead and was getting his own book was the **BEST NEWS OF THE DAY**. I knew it was a **MUST** read book because I needed to know about this unknown brother.

WOW! Jay's brother, Jack, is a fire-breathing, knife-throwing, risk-taking eccentric performer. When he takes center stage the crowd knows they are in for an astounding performance.

The circus has come to town and after watching the show Lille feels the pull to be part of it. She runs away and joins them. Jack tried to warn her to stay away because the allure of it isn't what it seems. Of course, she doesn't heed his warning and he ends up taking it upon himself to watch her from afar to assure her safety. As he told her before, "It's dangerous out here for women on their own."

Each time I think I've read the best book by Ms. Cosway I'm blown away by yet another gem. All the while, I was reading this book, I wanted to pack my bags and hitch a ride to the circus. The chance of meeting a man like Jack is a huge draw for my new desire to be a circus performer. Jack may be a broken man, who feels a deep loneliness, but at the core of his being he's a man wanting to be loved.

When I got to the end of the book I was happy to find out King, side character who I had been intrigued by, was getting his own book. **YAY!** Another standalone romance from this series.

Hearts of Fire is spektakular and has the key elements that make Ms. Cosway's books stand above the rest: the arts, flawless writing, and marred characters. ♥ **Loved it** ♥



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STANDALONE

This is a standalone romance that tells the story of Jack McCabe, Jay Fields' long lost, presumed dead brother. It is not necessary to have read Six of Hearts in order to enjoy Hearts of Fire. -*LH Cosway*

Interview with Jack + giveaway:

<http://wp.me/p4uAPW-1cT> (*will be live on 3/15/2015*)

****Complimentary copy in exchange for an honest review.****

Christie«SHBBblogger» says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

Catarina says

5 Fire Stars.

This book tell us the story of Lille and Jack.

Jack is the presumed dead younger brother of Jay, He had a bad past and he still lives accordingly to it, not easily trusting in people, nor opening to anyone.

That changes when he meets Lille, an artistic girl who has no control over the course of her life, who just wants to get away from her mother's controlling and demeaning ways.

When Lille runs away and join the circus Jack's works in, they start to get closer and trusting each other, and that quickly evolves into something more.

But when not only his past, but also a very threatening event that starts to unravel starts to mess with their lives, can they find a way to be happy in the eccentric world that is the circus?

Let me just tell you that I loved this book. It was whimsical, it had an unusual storyline and at the same time it was dramatic, mysterious, romantic and so, so sexy.

There was a minor moment that I didn't particularly liked, but it wasn't enough to diminish my love for this book. The story grabbed for the beginning and I couldn't put it down until the last page. A completely additive, amazingly written romance that you really have to read.

If you liked the first one you have to read this! And if you still didn't read the first book, well, what are you waiting for?

Rating: 5 Stars.

Characters Development: For full disclosure, Jay is still my favorite, but Jack came very, very close. I loved how lost, broody and mysterious he was, but at the same time so sweet and caring. Lille was also pretty awesome, she was non-judgmental, supportive and sweet. I liked her almost as much as Jack. It was nice to see more of Jay and Matilda and I can honestly say that I can't wait for King's book!!

Steam: Hot.

Sensible Subjects: (view spoiler)

Love Triangle: (view spoiler)

Cheating: (view spoiler)

Arabella ~?AB?~ says

★★★★★ 4.5 Stars★★★★★

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Oh my, what a wonderful and vivid storyteller LH Cosway is, for 6 hours I was transported into a magical world of The Circus Spektakulär full of fire eaters, contortionists, lion tamers and performing monkeys. I loved every minute of it.

Artist, Lille is a 21 year old woman who is fed up with being under the thumb of her controlling mother. Told what to do, how to behave, where to go to Uni, she is a dreamer who aspires to live a life that is full of colour and when she is given the opportunity to leave her small Irish town and travel to France with the circus she grabs it with both hands and decides to take a chance.

Her only hesitation is the broody Fire Eater, Jack who has made it quite clear that he is not happy that she is tagging along. He warns her that she would be safer to stay at home and more specifically, far away from him.

Jack McCabe, however, is unable to heed his own advise and he strikes up a friendship with the beautiful Lille that results in a tumultuous and passionate relationship.

"I like your hair."

"Thanks."

His voice got low and quiet as he leaned in and spoke into my ear.

"I like your pussy, too."

Did I mention he has a dirty mouth?

I fell head over heels in love with Jack McCabe, on one hand he was a sweet, gentle, mysterious kind hearted soul, and on the other he was a gruff sexy alpha with a secret fetish.

He is the long lost brother of Jay Fields who some might know from Cosway's previous novel Six of Hearts, and it was heartbreaking to discover the history between the two larger than life brothers. I loved that Jay and Matilda were a big part of Jack's story without taking away the attention from Jack & Lille.

Lille grew on me, she was a strange one but her development throughout the book was wonderful it was almost like watching her grow from a girl to a woman. I loved her kind soul and the way she was so trusting of people despite the fact her childhood was lacking in warmth.

The emotion and feelings between Jack and Lille made my heart squeeze and it was just one of those books that make you smile. It was romantic and sexy and with a little mystery thrown in for good measure.

I am eagerly awaiting King's book, who was the lonely alcoholic brother of the circus ring-mistress and is a character that I would love to read about.

Fantastic writing as usual, from LH Cosway.

This is a standalone novel told in Lille's POV. Whilst it can be read on it's own, I highly recommend reading Six of Hearts first.

ARC gratefully received from the author in exchange for an honest review

?lleskelle - teamSøren? ?I like big b00ks? says

(early Arc kindly offered by the author in exchange for an honest review)

I can't recall a time when I've been more giddy with anticipation than waiting for Hearts of Fire to come out. What I can't recall even more is a time where I felt as giddy as the day L.H. Cosway proposed me to read her new novel back in January.

To be honest, I went with the normal reaction whenever you're given your favorite special treat. **Gluttony.** Yes, I devoured Hearts of Fire in one night.

I couldn't stop reading about Lille's discoveries, and see through her eyes the magic happening at Circus Spektakulär. Better yet, I couldn't stop festering on L.H. Cosway magical world.

This story is a contemporary romance. **But it really felt like I stepped in a fantasy realm from page one.**

This author does this to me, chances are you'll feel the same. She always comes up with singular settings, unique driven characters and a storyline that invites creativity. You can't stop your mind from wandering on its own.

It's no wonder I wanted to recreate what it felt like to read that story. Maybe I went a bit overboard with the visuals... A tad.

Not so long ago I was assisting a Circus show and all I had in mind was Jack and Lille. I expected Jack to make his entrance on the "manège" and mesmerize me with his flames and his dexterity with knives.

A few days prior to write this review, I discovered the playlist L.H. Cosway created to go along with her book. She did that before with *Killer Queen*, and it really enhanced the experience when reading the story. The sounds and music chosen by the author are really going great with every chapter, so much so that I decided to finally try to write review, and maybe pull some quotes out of the book. Little did I know I would end up re-reading the whole book, forgetting all about what pushed me to open the book again. Oh yes, the quotes! Well, I had to go pick them a little later...

The story...

Hearts of Fire is set not long after the story that unraveled in *Six of Hearts*. In *Six of Hearts*, we get to meet Jay Fields, mysterious, cocky and charming illusionist with a dark past. We learned he lost his brother early on in a tragic fire accident...

Hearts of Fire, as you would understand is the story of Jack McCabe, the long lost brother we thought dead in *Six of Hearts*...

It is told in the first person point of view, by Lille, young and earnest to extend her life experience heroine. (*Hearts of Fire* is a stand alone novel, however, I would recommend to read *Six of Hearts* as well, it adds a little to know about Jay and Matilda, and well, just so you know, *Six of Hearts* was a very entertaining and sexy read!)

I loved Lille, yes she was naïve but spontaneous, eager to see more than the future her mother already chose for her. Lille is an artist. As an artist, the worst she can suffer from is seclusion of her talent, her creativity. One night Lille, acts on an impulse, following that wild streak she has deep down inside of her and decides to follow the magic beholden by Circus Spektakulär.

I felt like I was walking through a dream. Who makes an offer to some random girl to join their circus? It was crazy and I was happily drowning in the madness.

She has this list of new and exciting things she vows to accomplish on her journey, and her embarkation on Circus Spektakulär surely will provide for new experiences and surprises.

I didn't like her from the start, maybe due to her young age, but I quickly warmed up to her, her empathy and open mind made it up for her lack of experience in life.

And there is Jack McCabe, of course. His character is definitely the one I preferred in the book. Fierce, strong, lonesome and mysterious character, I was surprised to discover his sweet side and vulnerabilities.

The romance really follows a slow pace, with both Jack and Lille a little wary of each other in spite of their mutual attraction and interest. Sexual tension was at its fullest, naturally crafted, nothing seems forced or fake between those two.

When I shut them though, all I could see was Jack's whiskey eyes from earlier, staring at my mouth and giving me grandiose notions that he might actually have wanted to kiss me.

I also love witnessing the quiet development of their friendship toward something more... Jack being a guy, has a one track mind, and I loved the playful banter between them.

"I like your hair."?"Thanks."?His voice got low and quiet when he leaned in and spoke into my ear, "I like your pussy, too."?"Jack," I gasped.??"It likes me back."?"You're crazy."

To see Jack's character through Lille's eyes was a wonder. He was just magnificent. She was obviously mesmerized and I loved how she was really trying to stay away from him, but like a moth to a flame couldn't fight enough the attraction.

Jack is a mountain of a man, he first strikes as an intimidating guy, but really is the sweetest and protective person. He had it rough growing up, more than rough, the things we learnt about him just broke my heart. But he incontestably made it through and as a result, is very cautious to open himself to anyone.

**He moved closer, eating up my space...and just stared at me.
And man, could he stare. I felt like he was telling me a silent story and it was captivating.**

Lille is going to pass through his walls eventually, and when those two give in... The so very much built sexual tension... Oh my stars...

Jack had a really filthy mouth, he could be so blunt asking and saying what he wanted... What I liked is that it never felt forced or "fake".

**"I wonder if we hadn't been interrupted yesterday, would I have been able to make you come like that?"
I swallowed deeply and glanced at him. His eyes held a thousand dark, carnal promises and I felt completely lost, had no idea how to respond. He made a noise that sounded a lot**

like a growl then as he came and knelt before me, his hands cupping my knees and spreading my thighs apart so that he could get between them. Next he began running his hands up and down my thighs; they were so much warmer than the afternoon sun and I was suddenly melting. "Do you come sweetly, Lille? Do you shake? Do you moan and beg for release?"

And our fire eater has a kink... I was scared at first it would turn into something creepy, but quite honestly it became a real turn on...

The sex scenes, be prepared, are scalding hot, there was not warning for them, but L.H. Cosway delivered here her hottest scenes so far... There was something so raw yet so tender in their lovemaking... The perfect combination!

Story continues, with some mystery relative to strange accidents happening within the circus members, Jack and Jay will eventually be reunited, not without pain, but the reunion between them was so touching...

If you read Six of Hearts already, you'll love even more the reconciliation between the McCabe/Fields brothers, and will appreciate to see more of Jay and Matilda in Hearts of Fire!

To conclude, this was a really an unexpected enchanting and captivating journey with the Circus Spektakulär, I loved every secondary characters, Marina, Winnie and Antonio, Lola, Violet, and King. Oh L.H. Cosway did good with him. You can't stop but be curious about what happened to him in the past. I can't wait to read his story!

What we have here is a wonderful second chance in life tale, a slow enemies to lovers romance, a hint of mystery, all wrapped up in a whimsical atmosphere only L.H. Cosway knows how to create. I simply loved it!

Wonder Woman, mesmerized, over.

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♥? I LOVED IT!!!! This is staying on my 2015 favorites shelf! ♥?

You know when you open a contemporary book and feels like you're reading fantasy? That's when the author

did a brilliant job with her tale.
(view spoiler)

Reviewing for :

?Flo? the coffee addict says

5 turpentine & kerosene STARS

“You’ve got me under your skin now, Lille.”

I'm in love with this book. I absolutely adored reading Hearts of Fire over the last few days. I just didn't want it to end, so my snail pace reading was to some extent deliberate. Overall I would say it was just a really lovely read that hit all the good spots for me. Just a few things you can find in this book: adventure, fantastical elements, a beautiful love story, a little edge, incredible sexual tension, steam caused by fire and scorching hot chemistry; as well as friendship and a lot of heart.

After being slightly disappointed with Six of Hearts I went in with a little caution but I shouldn't have worried. For me L.H. Cosway didn't disappoint one bit with the second instalment in the Hearts series. I was spellbound from the first page and I was eager to go on this journey together with Lille and Jack and Lola and Marina and all the other odd characters we meet along the way.

*“Here lies the story of Jack and Lille
Two hearts so big and yet so little.”*

Lille Baker is a dreamer and an artist. She lives with her head in the clouds, dreaming of adventures and fulfilling her bucket list. Mostly because her reality just doesn't live up to her wishes and is at times rather cruel. Her mother is a rich control freak, who doesn't love herself and who lets all her anger out on her daughter. She supervises her studies, her boyfriends and even takes away most of Lille's wages she earns during her summer job.

But then one day the *Circus Spektakulär* comes into town and with the circus comes **Jack McCabe** - the fire breather, knife-thrower and risk taker. The enigmatic man catches her eye and her curiosity.

And then everything changes.

Lille runs away with the circus!

“Make mistakes, Lille. Walk on the cracks. Break the rules that were made to be broken.”

I personally think that Lille is a very sweet heroine. She is good through and through. A little naive, but she has to be to even contemplate entering into this endeavour. No one in their right mind would - or better yet - should just run away with perfect strangers. But she does and to be fair she really isn't all that safe as a woman travelling across Europe with a circus.

I love her for her unusual and amusing way of looking at the world. In that regard she is very child like and innocent. But on the other hand she speaks her mind and when she finds the courage to stand up for herself it is quite beautiful to witness.

Right from the start Jack and Lille have this very intense connection. Mostly based on sexual attraction, but also curiosity and trying to understand the other. Their chemistry is off the charts and being in Lille's head all the time and witnessing her overactive imagination, as well as her out of control libido sure helps to bring that across.

“Life twists some of us in strange ways, ways that shape us to always be alone, and I'm one of them.”

Jack on the other hand is for the most part a mystery, not only to Lille but also myself. It takes a good while before you get some glimpses into his past and what's hidden under all the grumpiness. They start out with a cat and mouse play, dominated by Jack's whiplash inducing actions that transforms into a trusting friendship before it becomes anything else. And let me just tell you when it becomes something else...scorching hot...literally!!

Other than the love story, *Hearts of Fire* also tells the story of the hard circus life and its ups and downs. The reasons why some use it as an escape and others just never knew a different way of living. On top of that there are some rather unsavoury characters around and they don't shy away from causing trouble for the whole community.

“Would it make you feel better to know that we all get the same number of hours in a day, days in a year? Some people might be rich and some might be poor, but none of them can buy time. It is one of the fairest systems in the world.”

Of course if you read *Six of Hearts* the name **Jack McCabe** might ring a bell. We are indeed talking about **Jay Fields'** dead brother, who is not so dead after all. Which also means there may or may not be a little magician cameo along the way. ;) Who knows?

I have seen a few very mixed reviews for this book, but in all honesty for me it was a heart warming and beautiful read. I devoured every page and I can already tell this will be one of my most re-read books in the future. Escapism at its best. Just the right book at the right time. Also, I loved the chapter titles, they are so wonderful and in the end they made me cry. If you read the book, you know what I mean...

And of course, at last but not least there is King...another mystery. But we won't have to wait much longer for his book - King of Hearts. *grabby hands*

Hearts of Fire is the second book in the Hearts series, but can be read as a standalone. There are some reoccurring characters and the storyline from Six of Hearts plays into this book as well.
